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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004, setting a three-month term for reply. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a), a three-month extension of the term for reply, i.e., to up to and including November 4, 2004 is respectfully requested. A check in the amount of \$490.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee therefore by a small entity. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account 50-0320. 11/16/2004 RHOLLAND 00000001 500320

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